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1. claims: 1-12

Method of making a yeast enhanced steep-water comprising incubating steep-water at a temperature of from 25°C to 45°C under aerobic conditions and product obtainable therefrom.

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2. claims: 13-19

Method of making an amino acid enhanced steep-water comprising incubating steep-water at a temperature of less than 45°C under anaerobic conditions and product obtainable therefrom.

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3. claims: 20-26

Method of making a lactate enhanced steep-water comprising incubating steep-water at a temperature of from 36°C to 55°C under anaerobic conditions and product obtainable therefrom.

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